

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.*

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door handle device comprising:

a handle body;

a handle cover attached to the handle body;

an electric part disposed in an internal space formed by the handle body and the handle cover, the electric part having a first face facing one of the handle body and the handle cover and a second face facing the other of the handle body and the handle cover so that a gap exists between the second face and the other of the handle body and the handle cover opposite to the first face, the electric part being received within an internal space formed within a door handle to abut an inner surface of the door handle at the first face and to form a gap between the inner surface of the door handle at the second face; and

a first elastic member disposed within the gap at a grip portion of the vehicle door handle device, the first elastic member contacting which is mounted on the second face of the electric part, and is disposed within the gap to be pressed against an ~~[[the]]~~ inner surface of both the other of the handle body and the handle cover the door handle and the second face of the electric part within the internal space.

2. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, further comprising a second elastic member attached to an edge of the electric part,

wherein a projection is formed on the inner surface of the door handle, projecting correspondingly to the second elastic member, and

wherein the second elastic member is pressed against the inner surface of the door handle through the projection.

3. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the door handle includes a handle body and a handle cover; and~~ at least one of the handle body and the handle cover has a reinforcing portion formed along the electric part.

4. (Previously Presented) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 3,

wherein the reinforcing portion is formed on one of the handle body and the handle cover;

the reinforcing portion has a retaining groove; and

the other of the handle body and the handle cover has a retaining claw engageable with the retaining groove used for fixing the handle body and the handle cover to each other.

5. (Original) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1,

wherein the electric part includes a first electric part, and a second electric part having signal wires fixed to the first electric part; and  
the signal wires are flexible.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door handle device comprising:

a door handle including a handle body, a handle cover, and a hinge arm portion formed at one end of the door handle and pivotally mounted relative to a door outer panel via the hinge arm portion;

an electric part disposed in an internal space formed by the handle body and the handle cover, the electric part having a first face facing one of the handle body and the handle cover and a second face facing the other of the handle body and the handle cover so that a gap exists between the second face and the other of the handle body and the handle cover ~~opposite to the first face, the electric part being received within an internal space of the door handle to abut an inner surface of the door handle at the first face and to form a gap between the inner surface of the door handle at the second face; and~~

a first elastic member disposed within the gap at a grip portion of the vehicle door handle device, the first elastic member contacting ~~which is mounted on the second face of the electric part, and is disposed within the gap to be pressed against an [[the]] inner surface of both the other of the handle body and the handle cover the door handle and the second face of the electric part~~ within the internal space.

8. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, wherein the electric part is an antenna or a sensor.

9. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, wherein the grip portion of the vehicle door handle device is formed between a hinge arm portion formed at one end of the vehicle door device in a longitudinal direction and an attaching portion formed at the other end of the door handle device in the longitudinal direction, and the vehicle door handle is pivotally mounted relative to a door outer panel via the hinge arm portion.

10. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1, wherein the first elastic member has a first elastic face contacting the second face of the electric part and a second elastic face opposite to the first elastic face, the second elastic face contacting the inner surface of the other of the handle body and the handle cover.

11. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 10, wherein the first elastic member is entirely disposed between the other of the handle body and the handle cover and the second face of the electric part.

12. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 7, wherein the electric part is an antenna or a sensor.

13. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 7, wherein the grip portion of the vehicle door handle device is formed between a hinge arm portion formed at one end of the vehicle door handle device in a longitudinal direction and an attaching portion formed at the other end of the door handle device in the longitudinal direction, and the vehicle door handle is pivotally mounted relative to a door outer panel via the hinge arm portion.

14. (New) A vehicle door handle device comprising:  
a handle body;  
a handle cover attached to the handle body;  
an electric part disposed in an internal space formed by the handle body and the handle cover, the electric part having a first face facing one of the handle body and the handle cover and a second face facing the other of the handle body and the handle cover so that a gap exists between the second face and the other of the handle body and the handle cover;

an elastic member disposed within the internal space at a grip portion of the vehicle door handle device,

wherein the elastic member is entirely disposed between an inner surface of the other of the handle body and the handle cover and the second face of the elastic member.

15. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 14, wherein the elastic part is an antenna or a sensor.

16. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 14, wherein the elastic member contacts the second face of the elastic part.

17. (New) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 14, wherein the grip portion of the vehicle door handle device is formed between a hinge arm portion formed at one end of the vehicle door handle device in a longitudinal direction and an attaching portion formed at the other end of the door handle device in the longitudinal direction, and the vehicle door handle is pivotally mounted relative to a door outer panel via the hinge arm portion.